

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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LPG BOTTLING PLANTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ratio of LPG bottling plants is less in tribal and dalit majority areas in comparison to the general population areas of the country ;
- (b) if so, the reasons and justification therefor ; and
- (c) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) : LPG bottling plants are set up on the basis of techno-economic feasibility after taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG. Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies assess the potential packed LPG demand for various markets and thereafter, the need for setting up additional LPG bottling capacity is identified. LPG bottling plants are located closer to the consumption centres with a view to achieving transportation economies.

In order to meet the future packed LPG demand, plans have been drawn by Oil Industry to augment the LPG bottling capacity in the country from 5341 TMTA as on 1.2.2001 to 8070 TMTA by the end of 9th Plan (2001-2002)